

shout, "Wolf, wolf, wolf," and win an election. But you can't stifle democracy and cling to power. The American people have had enough.

The Republican leadership believes that they are going to have the last word today, but, fortunately, on November 7, the American people are going to choose a new direction. They don't want any more of this. They have watched it, they have given the President support, they have given him leeway, and what have they gotten? A war that is making more unsafe our world, and Americans want a new direction. They are going to get it on November 7.

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GOP PREPARES TO LEAVE WITHOUT HOLDING ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE ON IRAQ

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, despite countless assurances from the President that we are safer now than we were before 9/11, this past week we learned the truth: The world is more dangerous today than it was pre-9/11, and the war in Iraq is the main reason why.

This weekend on "60 Minutes," Bob Woodward will report that our intelligence agencies predict that 2007 is going to be more deadly for American troops than 2006. That is a dire prediction considering that insurgent attacks against our troops are now occurring every 15 minutes.

These reports from our intelligence agencies should serve as a wake-up call to House Republicans who for 3 years have sat on the sidelines neglecting their oversight responsibility of the war in Iraq.

How bad do things have to get in Iraq before this Republican do-nothing Congress actually takes action? When will they finally begin asking questions? When will they finally begin to hold Secretary Rumsfeld and others in the President's War Cabinet accountable for their incompetence?

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve a Congress that will take its oversight responsibilities seriously. It is time for a change here in Congress, and it is coming this November.

WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 5441, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 3930, MILITARY COMMISSIONS ACT OF 2006; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4772, PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I

call up House Resolution 1054 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1054

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5441) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

SEC. 2. Upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (S. 3930) to authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, and for other purposes. The bill shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 3. Upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4772) to simplify and expedite access to the Federal courts for injured parties whose rights and privileges under the United States Constitution have been deprived by final actions of Federal agencies or other government officials or entities acting under color of State law, and for other purposes. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas (Mr. SESSIONS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Mr. Speaker, the rule before us today will provide for consideration of three measures of vital importance to our Nation: The conference report for Fiscal Year 2007 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, the Private Property Rights Implementation Act of 2006 and the Military Commissions Act of 2006. This rule will enable the House to consider these bills and complete this important work on behalf of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of this rule and the underlying legislation. These three bills address some of our Nation's most pressing priorities. First, the Homeland Security

Appropriations Conference Report funds our most important Federal programs aimed at securing the Nation against terrorist attacks. It provides \$34.8 billion for the operations and activities of the Department of Homeland Security in fiscal year 2007, an increase of \$2.3 billion over fiscal year 2006 and \$2.7 billion above the President's request.

The conference agreement aggressively addresses our most critical homeland security needs, including border and immigration security; nuclear detection; port, cargo and container security; transportation security; natural disaster preparedness and response; and support to State and local first responders.

This legislation secures our homeland first and foremost by protecting our borders and revitalizing immigration enforcement, because border security is homeland security. It provides over \$21 billion for border protection, immigration enforcement and related activities. It includes an increase of \$2.1 billion over funding in 2006. This includes \$5.2 billion for the Secure Border Initiative and additional funding to support technology, personnel and infrastructure to prevent terrorists and other criminals from exploiting our borders and immigration system.

Among other security-enhancing measures, this funding includes \$2.77 billion for Border Patrol, adding 1,500 new Border Patrol agents, for a total of 14,800. It includes \$1.2 billion for border fencing, vehicle barriers, technology and infrastructure; \$4.2 billion for immigration and customs enforcement; \$1.38 billion for Immigration and Custody Enforcement custody operations, adding 6,700 detention beds, for a total of 27,500; and \$28.2 million to assist State and local efforts to enforce immigration laws.

This conference report also recognizes the need to enhance port, container and cargo security by providing the funds necessary to secure our ports and inbound cargo in order to prevent terrorists and criminals from exploiting the international commerce system.

It supports our first responders by paying attention to the needs of high-threat areas, firefighters and emergency management. It supports ongoing efforts to enhance the current inventory of our Nation's critical infrastructures, develop secure communication systems with Federal, State and local entities, and it continues to work with the private sector to implement protective measures around the Nation's infrastructure.

This agreement continues ongoing efforts to enhance security for all modes of transportation, including ports, rails and aviation with a focus on developing and installing next-generation technology to inspect cargo, baggage and passengers. And it supports traditional missions, such as drug interdiction, law enforcement, maritime safety and Presidential protection.